

## THE FIRST DISTRICT

Second Convention of the Pythians Thursday.

### A LIST OF THE LODGES

Nearly Two Thousand Knights in This District. Grand Chancellor Callie Will be Here. Col. Cabell to Speak.

The second meeting of the First District convention of the Knights of Pythias will be held here Thursday night in the hall of Warwick Lodge No. 72. The session will begin at 7:30 o'clock and last until perhaps midnight.

According to the returns of December 31, 1898, there were in this First District 1,656 Pythians, but this number has considerably increased since that date. For instance, Warwick Lodge has grown from seventy-six to about ninety. There has been a corresponding increase in the membership of Keoughian Lodge, No. 29, in Hampton.

In fact, all the lodges will probably show an augmented membership. Norfolk is a veritable Pythian stronghold, as the following list of lodges in the district will show:

Norfolk, No. 9, Norfolk; Charity No. 16, Norfolk; Portsmouth, No. 16, Portsmouth; Atlantic, No. 24, Portsmouth; Keoughian, No. 29, Hampton; Deep Creek, No. 46, Deep Creek; Lee, No. 48, Berkeley; Welcome, No. 50, Suffolk; Franklin, No. 51, Franklin; Churchland, No. 52, Rodman; Brambleton, No. 55, Norfolk; Ocean, No. 57, Nimmie; Chesapeake, No. 63, Cape Charles; Redville, No. 71, Redville; Warwick, No. 72, Newport News; Seaside, No. 80, Portsmouth; Rathbone, No. 93, Norfolk.

The first convention was held in Norfolk last year. Newport News invited the second convention to meet here, and District Deputy Grand Chancellor R. E. Warren, of Portsmouth, accepted the invitation. The third convention will probably be held in Norfolk or Portsmouth, though Hampton and Cape Charles may both make a bid for it.

The Norfolk, Portsmouth and Berkeley contingent will come over on a special tug Thursday night.

The Grand Chancellor, Col. Robert Callie, of Lexington, Va., will be present and will give the Grand Lodge rank to such past officers as are entitled to receive it.

One of the principal speakers of the occasion will be Col. George C. Cabell, Jr., of Danville. Col. Cabell is a member of the governor's staff and is well known to Pythians all over the state. The address of welcome will be delivered by Mr. S. R. Buxton, of Warwick Lodge.

There will be a number of other addresses on the program, but they have not yet been announced.

This convention is open to all Pythians of the district as well as all visiting Pythians in good standing who care to attend the session.

**INTERESTING SERMON.**  
Rev. M. S. Colonna, Jr., Conducts the Revival Services.

The revival services at the Washington Avenue Methodist church last night were conducted by Rev. M. S. Colonna, Jr., of the Chestnut Avenue Methodist church, Rev. B. F. Lipscomb being in Richmond.

The eloquent young pastor from the East End preached an interesting and earnest sermon, selecting as his text Zachariah IX:12—"Turn you to the stronghold, ye prisoners of hope."

In strong and vivid language he portrayed the horrors of prison life in the Tombs, the London Tower, the Bastille and the far-famed "Black Hole" of Calcutta, and declared that there was no prison life that compared in horror and hopelessness with the life of the prisoner of sin. He thanked God, however, that he had a message for that prisoner. There was a way of escape—only one way. Then in loving and tender words he pointed to Christ as the one being to strike off the shackles of sin and liberate and uplift the soul of the sinner.

Much interest was manifested, and the singing was lively and enjoyable. Services will be held each evening during the present week, beginning at 7:30. Rev. B. F. Lipscomb will return from Richmond in time to lead the service tonight.

In place of the weekly prayer meeting at the Chestnut Avenue Methodist church Wednesday night, the pastor, Rev. M. S. Colonna, Jr., will preach. After the services, the last quarterly conference of the year will be held. Rev. R. T. Wilson, presiding elder of the Richmond District of the Methodist conference, will preside over the conference meeting.

The Sunday School of the Washington Avenue Methodist church held a rally service Sunday morning. The following program was carried out:

Song.  
Recitation—Cliff Bradshaw.  
Duet—Misses Brookes and Lipscomb.  
Recitation—"The Elf Child"—Elia Davis.  
Song.  
Address—Attorney O. D. Batchelor.  
Remarks by the pastor.  
Song.

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## "THE REAL WIDOW BROWN."

Number of Clever Specialties Introduced in a Laughable Farce.

"The Real Widow Brown" deserved a much larger audience than that which witnessed her second appearance in this city last night. The Opera House was comfortably filled, however, and the audience was appreciative throughout.

The company which presented the farce here last season was known as "No. 2." It certainly was not first class. The company which played here last night was one of the best that has been seen here in musical farce for some time. The play has some amusing situations and they are well worked out, but the farce is used chiefly as a vehicle to introduce some very clever specialties.

When Rose Melville brought out her original one-act character-sketch, "Sis Hopkins," in New York last season, the metropolitan play-goers literally went wild over her performance, and Miss Melville's receipts broke all records at the house where she was playing. Last night Miss Gertrude Swiggett introduced the character of "Sis Hopkins," the innocent, awkward, Hoosier girl, in the first act and made a great hit. If Rose Melville did the part any better she deserved all the praise she received, for Miss Swiggett's conception of the part was as finished as it was amusing.

Charles Barrington, who has been seen here before, gave his imitations and scored another hit. He imitated animals, musical instruments, a clog dance and even the ravings of John McCullough in the phonograph.

The Doherty sisters—Annie and Lillian—were all right, and sang and danced to suit everybody. Their turn in the last act, with beavers and canes, was especially good.

Miss Mary Wentworth, who played the real widow, was truly the real thing. In the last act she performed several difficult selections on the piano and sang several well known numbers, among them, "The Holy City."

The rest of the cast played their parts creditably. Frederick E. Beane making an excellent deacon, a victim of widows, and Hal W. Brown, making a good double.

### KNIGHTS OF HONOR.

Officers Installed Last Night and Hospital Committee Appointed.

The Knights of Honor met last night and installed the following officers:

Past Dictator—W. B. Cameron.  
Dictator—Dr. G. B. Pearson, who is also medical examiner.  
Assistant Dictator—Robert E. Putney.

Reporter—John J. Woodhouse.  
Vice Dictator—J. Watts Pace.  
Sentinel—E. L. Hite.  
Guide—Capt. C. C. Berkeley.  
Guardian—H. L. Harris.

One member was initiated and a number of others will be initiated at the next meeting, which will be one week from last night.

A Hospital Committee was appointed consisting of Robert E. Putney, chairman; G. E. Connell and John J. Woodhouse, Jr.

### CITY NEWS IN BRIEF.

Mr. C. N. Gibson left yesterday afternoon for the north on a vacation.  
Lieut. Com. N. R. Usher has been detached as inspector in charge of the Seventh Lighthouse District and ordered to duty in connection with the fitting out of the battleship Kearsarge at the shipyard.

Mr. Harold F. Norton is visiting in New York.

Mr. H. J. Holt has returned from Washington.

Dr. J. W. Bechtel, of Alexandria, Va., is visiting his cousin, Louis G. Righter, on Thirty-fourth street.

Mr. John Donnell has returned to the city after an absence of five weeks with friends in the Far West.

Mrs. Catesworth Burruss, who has been visiting friends in the city, has returned to her home in Richmond.

Professor E. W. Huffman has returned from Suffolk, where he accompanied Mrs. Huffman, who will spend some time at her former home.

### Emancipation Day.

The colored people have begun to make arrangements to celebrate the Emancipation Proclamation on January 1, 1900, in this city.

The Oriental Social Club, which is composed of young colored men, is at the head of the move. Invitations have been sent to some of the societies to turn out and take part in the parade. All lodges will receive in vitations this week. There was no celebration at all in this city last January among colored people, so the younger element has taken it up and will endeavor to make it a success.

### New Hotel Arrangement.

Mr. Morris Joo, proprietor of the Ivy Hotel, has rented the upper portion of the handsome Finch building on Washington avenue for hotel purposes. It is understood that it will be opened shortly.

### No Grog for Jackies or Marines.

PITTSBURG, Pa., Oct. 23.—Resolutions were adopted at today's session of the Woman's Home Missionary Society of the M. E. Church, commanding Secretary Long for his recent official decision forbidding the sale of strong drink in the navy and requesting the President to give his sanction to the enforcement of the anti-canteen law.

Mrs. Clinton B. Fisk, of New York, was re-elected president.

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## THE VIRGINIA SYNOD

Will be Asked to Meet Here Next October.

### LARGEST IN THE COUNTRY

Was Organized in 1788 and Embraces the Churches of Virginia and Many in West Virginia and Maryland.

Some Interesting Data.

Rev. E. T. Wellford will leave Wednesday morning, accompanied by Mrs. Wellford, for Huntington, W. Va., to attend the meeting of the Synod of Virginia.

He will carry with him an invitation from the churches of this city, the First Presbyterian church in particular, to the Synod to meet here next year, that is, in October, 1900, her, 1900.

It will be a great honor for the city. There appears to be some reason to believe that the Synod will come here. It meets this time on the extreme western edge of the district. It has frequently met in the central cities, and now, it would seem, an opportune time has arrived to meet down on the extreme eastern edge of the district.

To show the predilection of the members of the Synod, last year when the question of place arose, the vote was between Huntington and Norfolk.

By October 1900 the First Presbyterian church here will have one of the largest and handsomest buildings in the Synod, ample in its accommodations for all requirements of the occasion.

The Virginia Synod was organized in 1788, and is the largest in this country, embracing the churches of Virginia and many of West Virginia and Maryland. It contains twelve presbyteries, 283 ministers, nine licentiates, fifty candidates, 455 churches, 1,483 elders, 1,411 deacons, 42,681 communicants, of which 2,396 were added last year. There were baptized last year 588 adults and 861 infants. There are 4,555 Sunday school teachers and 32,988 pupils.

Contributions last year were as follows:

Foreign missions ..... \$25,964  
Assembly's home missions ..... 7,899  
Local home missions ..... 22,050  
Colored evangelists' work ..... 12,201  
Invalid fund ..... 3,375  
Education ..... 8,957  
Publication ..... 1,705  
Bible cause ..... 1,118  
Presbyterial work ..... 2,256  
Pastors' salaries ..... 157,296  
Congregational ..... 96,712  
Miscellaneous ..... 17,318

The representatives of the Synod consist of each minister and an elder from each church, consequently the largest possible audience would be about 738. As a matter of fact, less than half this number would be a very large Synod as many weak and distant churches can only send their representatives every few years.

### COMING ATTRACTIONS.

"Darkest Russia" and Bert Coote Are Booked to Appear.

"Darkest Russia" will be seen at the Opera House tomorrow evening. The company will include Katherine Willard, the young Southern girl who was a favorite pupil of the late Augustin Daly just before he died, and for whom that eminent man predicted a stellar career; Herbert Fortier, the leading man, Kate Jepson, one of the most finished of character actresses of the present day stage, and Harry D. Byers and Alfa Perry.

### BERT COOTE COMING.

The popular comedian Mr. Bert Coote, will present at the Opera House on Thursday night an entirely new and original farcical comedy by Willis Maxwell Goodhue, entitled "A Battle-Scarred Hero." It is stated that the new comedy is entirely unlike anything yet seen on the American stage, and that as Alonzo Fuller, the hero of battles he never saw, Mr. Coote has been fitted with a part admirably adapted to his personality and one which he firmly believes to be the best he has ever assumed. He will be supported by a strong and capable company, including Miss Julia Kingsley, and the engagement will be one of the comedy events of the season.

### KILLED THE DOG.

Valorous Brute on Thirty-Second Street Slain.

About 11 o'clock yesterday morning on Thirty-second street a large dog, apparently mad, bit a steer attached to an empty cart. The steer, very much frightened, in a panic dashed down the street toward the river and the dog turned his attention to an old negro woman, whom he knocked down and viciously attacked. The brute was tearing the woman's clothing to pieces when Mr. Henry Sinclair came upon the scene and shot the animal before he could bite the woman.

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